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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Takashi TANAKA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/068,838

GAU: 1734

FILED: February 11, 2002

EXAMINER:

FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORMING COATING FILM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AA (US 6,059,880) on Form 1449:

This reference discloses an apparatus for forming a coating on a substrate having a nozzle for dropping the coating liquid on the substrate. This reference, however, does not disclose gyrating force generation mechanism for coating liquid dropped from the nozzle.

Reference AB (US 5,968,268) on Form 1449:

This reference discloses an apparatus for forming a coating on a substrate having a nozzle for dropping the coating liquid on the substrate. This reference, however, does not disclose gyrating force generation mechanism for coating liquid dropped from the nozzle.



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LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT		APPLICANT		Takashi TANAKA, et al.			
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	6,059,880	05/09/2000	T. KITANO, et al.			
	AB	5,968,268	10/19/99	T. KITANO, et al.			
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